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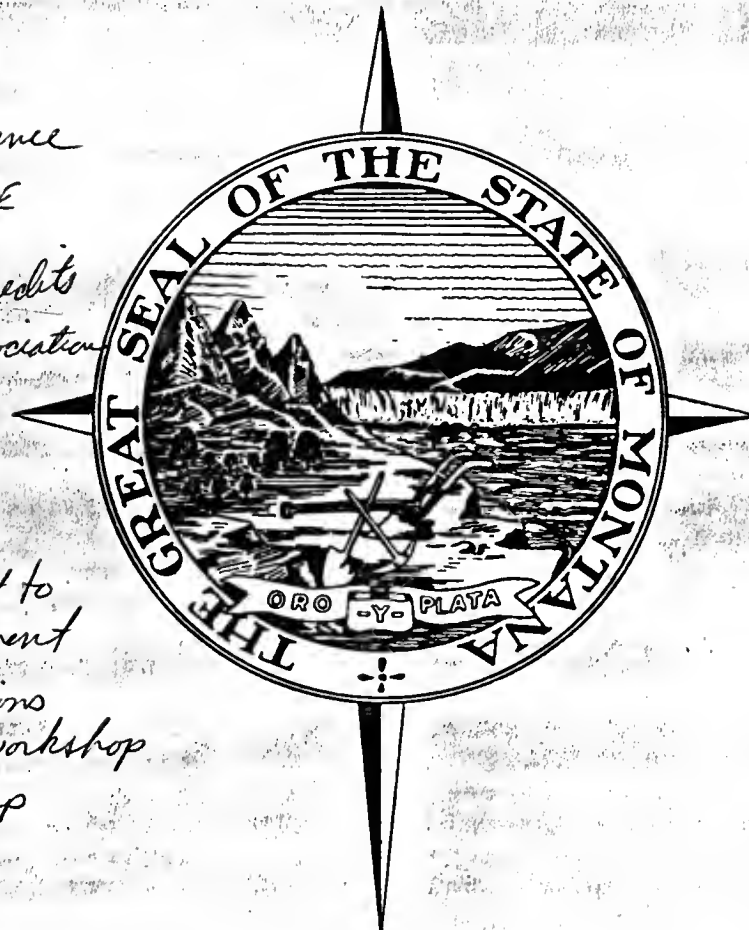
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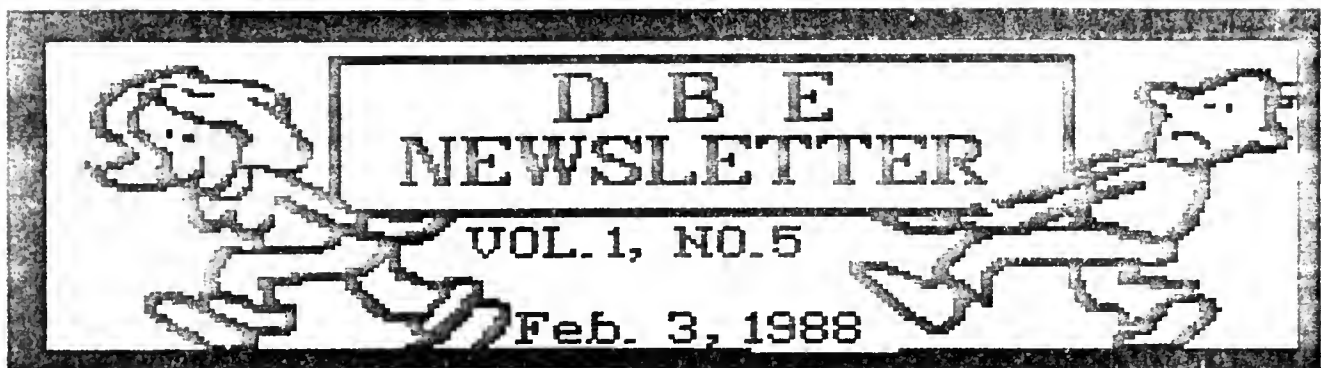
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DBE firms recertified

The DBE firms recertified as of January 6, 1988 are:

- Conroys, Inc. - Hardin, MT.
- DuBray Land Services, Inc. - Billings, MT
- Marmolejo Contractors, Inc. Estacada, OR
- Prince, Inc. - Forsyth, MT
- D.A. Zuluaga Construction, Inc. - Seattle, WA

Certification Extensions

The certifications for Wilderness Excavating, Inc. - Seeley Lake, MT and Montana Lines, Inc. - Great Falls, MT have been extended until March 9, 1988, the date scheduled for the next Certification Board meeting.

New Certifications

Carolyn United Electric, Inc.
701 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village, OH 44143 Phone: (216)461-8300 Owner: Diane C. Graham-Green. The firm is a woman-owned highway related DBE in the area sales and supplier of electrical parts and equipment.

Catchpole Trucking Co. - a Division of Catchpole Enterprises, P.O. Box 20042, 233 Orchard Lane, Billings, MT 59104 Phone: (406)259-7173. Owner: Mary Ann Catchpole. The firm is a woman-owned highway related DBE in the area of truck hauling.

Prasad & Associates - 24424 W. Six Mile, Suite 205, Detroit, MI 48219 Phone: (313)255-5500 Owner: Jaldhar Prasad, P.E. The firm is a highway related DBE in the area of engineering consulting and a supplier of steel products.

Salt Lake Seismic & Blasting Services - P.O. Box 155, Salt Lake City, UT 84044. Phone: (801) 250-4088 Owner: Ruth Andersen. The firm is a woman owned highway related DBE in the area of seismic monitoring, drilling and blasting.

TAK Petroleum, Inc. - E. 59 Queen Avenue, Suite 104, Spokane, WA 99207 Owner: George Kuroiwa Phone: (509) 483-1005 The firm is a highway related DBE in the area of supply and delivery of asphalt, road oils and industrial fuels.

1988 Montana Bid Letting Dates

The Montana Highway Commission has approved the following bid letting dates for 1988.

February bid letting has been cancelled.

February 25	July 28
March 24	August 25
April 21	September 29
May 26	October 27
June 30	December 1

1988 Bid Letting Dates

Following is the 1988 schedule of bid lettings for North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming:

North Dakota

February 19	May 20
March 25	July 29
April 22	

South Dakota

February 17	July 20
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March 22	August 17
April 28	September 27
May 18	October 18
June 21	November 15

Nebraska

February 4	June 16
March 3	September 15
April 7	November 3
May 12	December 8

Wyoming

February 18	July 14
March 17	August 18
April 21	September 15
May 19	October 20
June 16	November 10
	December 8

Seminars Slated

The Du Pont Co. will conduct its three-day Blasting and Explosives Safety Training seminar in Denver, Colorado on April 12-14.

The conference will provide blasters and their supervisors with a practical understanding of commercial explosives and of safe methods for using them.

Call Du Pont toll-free at (800) 532-SAFE for more information or to register.

-Excerpt from Intermountain Engineer - Nov. 30, 1987

Seminars Scheduled

In an effort to increase the number of bona-fide Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms actively participating in the Federal-Aid

highway program, and to contribute to the growth and self-sufficiency of these firms, the Montana Department of Highways (MDOH) in cooperation with the Extended Studies Program, Montana State University will provide a "Familiarization Course" to all highway related DBE firms.

Although successful completion of the course is not mandatory at this time, MDOH plans to require completion of the course as a condition for DBE certification. Firms that have adequate experience and expertise in the highway construction industry may challenge the course to obtain certification. Non-highway related firms, consultants, appraisers, jobbers, manufacturers and suppliers may not be required to complete the course as determined by the department.

The "familiarization course" is designed to provide the participants with increased business skills and knowledges relating to the highway construction industry. The course will include instruction in estimating, bid preparation, plan reading and takeoff, financing, bonding, record keeping, insurance, payrolls, financial statement analysis, taxes, subcontract preparation, EEO/Labor contract compliance and other MDOH rules and requirements.

The program is designed to strengthen knowledge in construction areas, upgrade experience in the trade and increase contractual opportunities. We are hopeful

that you will take advantage of this opportunity.

The "familiarization course" schedule for 1988 is:

Billings - March 10,11,12 -
Sheraton

Great Falls - June 9,10,11-
Rainbow Hotel

Missoula - Sept. 23, 24,25-
Sheraton

An application and more specific information will be mailed to you during the first week of February.

If you have any questions, please write or call Rich Munger at 444-7609 or Rick Leavell at 444-6375.

Rural Technical Assistance Program Offered by MSU

The following training is offered by the Rural Technical Assistance Program based at MSU in Bozeman, Montana. If you are interested in any of the courses listed, please contact Alan Jackson at (406)994-6100.

Feb. 17, 1988 - Helena; Feb. 24, 1988 - Kalispell; Feb. 26, 1988 - Glasgow; March 3, 1988 - Miles City--Basic Supervision in Public Works

March 16, 1988. - Bozeman;
March 29, 1988 - Missoula;
March 31, 1988 - Great Falls--
Pavement Management Systems
for Cities and Counties

April 13 - 15 - Montana
Association of County Road

Supervisors (MACRS) Annual Conference

April 19-21, 1988 - Boise, Idaho - 21st Annual Rocky Mtn. Chapter of the American Public Works Association Spring Conference and Equipment Show.

Nuclear Gauge Certification Workshops, Bozeman. No dates specified at this time.

Regulatory changes in DBE Program

As a result of the passage of the Surface Transportation and Relocation Assistance Act (STURRA) in April of 1987, the following changes to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program occurred.

The definition of a disadvantaged individual was changed to include women and Hispanic Americans of Portuguese decent.

The amount credited to a DBE supplier has been changed from 20 percent to 60 percent.

The definition of a regular dealer (supplier) has been broadened. Previously, a dealer was required to maintain an inventory or package goods and have their own distribution equipment. Now a dealer must maintain an inventory or package goods or have their own distribution equipment.

A \$14 million ceiling on business size limits regardless of other small business size limits.

All DBE firms must meet the new requirements to remain certified. Companies presently certified will be required to comply with the new procedures at the time of recertification or before, if conditions warrant.

N O T I C E

The U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Justice have announced that they are placing special emphasis on the investigation of abuses in the DBE program.

Joseph Welch, Inspector General for the Department of Transportation asked that anyone with knowledge of fraud, or abuse in the DBE program call the toll-free Hotline at 800-424-9071 to report it. The Hotline is available during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Callers may be anonymous and may request that their identity be protected.

Call

Inspector General's Hotline
1-800-424-9071 (toll free)

Write

Inspector General
Post Office Box 23178
L'Enfant Plaza Station
Washington, DC 20024-0178

or call or write the Inspector General Regional Office

Special Agent-in-Charge
165 Canal St N #1400S-B
Chicago, IL 60606 Phone:
(312) 353-0106 (not toll free)

Gross Receipts Tax Credits

by: Ann Bullington, CPA

Contractors performing public construction or reconstruction for any governmental agency within the State of Montana are subject to the State's gross receipts tax. The rules regarding gross Receipts tax withholding apply to contracts greater than \$5,000.

State law requires contracting agencies to withhold 1% of the payments due the contractor and to submit the amount withheld along with a withholding report to the Montana Department of Revenue. Prime contractors with sublet contracts also are required to withhold the gross receipts tax and file reports with the Department.

The withholding reports list the contracting agency, the contract number and general location and description, the name and address of the contractor to whose account the 1% is to be credited, and total amounts paid and earned.

Contractors who have gross receipts withheld may be entitled to a refund and/or credit against the corporate license tax or individual income tax liability. The contractor has the responsibility to file an application for the refund or apply any allowable credits against taxes. Determining the amount of any refund or credit is a two-step process, detailed as follows:

1. Personal property tax credit - a refund is allowed

against perform property taxes paid between January 1 and December 31, by the contractor on property used in the business of the contractor. Allowable refunds are based on taxes paid when due and are not applied to back tax payments (taxes paid for previous years).

No refund is made for payment of real property tax; however, taxes paid on vehicles will qualify for the credit, but are limited to the county taxes and the motor vehicle fee. New car taxes, gross vehicle weight charges, junk vehicle fees and similar fees are not considered a personal property tax. Also, automobiles are not generally considered construction equipment unless the contractor uses the automobile 100% in the contracting business. If an automobile is used in this manner, the contractor must attach a signed statement attesting to this fact.

Personal property taxes arise, other than vehicle taxes which are paid when registered each year, in the spring and are billed by the county assessor's office. The personal property tax form is filed by the taxpayer each February 1, and is a listing of equipment and valuation from which the assessor's office calculates taxes due.

The amount of the refund is the lesser of the amount of personal property taxes paid (including applicable vehicle taxes as explained above) or the amount of gross receipts tax credits earned.

To file a claim for a refund, contractors must complete an application for refund of contractors gross receipts tax (PC-4). Copies of paid personal property tax receipts must be included with the application.

If gross receipts taxes withheld are in excess of personal property taxes paid, the contractor may be eligible for:

2. The corporation license tax credit (if incorporated) or a state income tax credit (if an individual, partnership or subchapter S corporation. This credit applies after the personal property tax refund and is limited to the tax liability of the taxpayer.

In order for the contractor to obtain the refunds or credits allowable under law, it is helpful to:

a. Keep a complete listing of jobs performed during the year detailing the amounts earned by date, location, job number, prime, and gross receipts tax withheld. This information must be submitted with both the personal property tax refund and the corporate or individual tax filing to which the credit applies.

b. Keep all receipts of personal property taxes paid and vehicle registrations. These also must be submitted with the personal property tax refund.

c. Maintain a file of the applications for refund of contractors gross receipts

tax. These forms may be obtained through the Montana Department of Revenue, Income Tax Division, Miscellaneous Section. It isn't necessary to wait until year end to apply for a refund, you may apply for a refund any time during the calendar year in which personal property taxes have been paid.

d. Be sure you are receiving all the credits or refunds to which you are entitled! If you have any questions or need help with the reports, contact your financial advisor or the Montana Department of Revenue.

(Ann Bullington is a CPA with her own accounting practice in Helena, Montana. Her firm provides services to large and small construction companies.)

Minority Contractors Association

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Washington, DC, has a small office in operation to help those firms seeking aid in the areas of financing and bonding. We will have more information on this program at a later date.

Minority Contractors Association, Federal Agencies, U.S. Department of Transportation
Karen A. Abbott or Jack Walters, Minority Business Resource Center, S-44, 400 7th St SW - Room 9410,
Washington, DC 20590 Phone:
(202) 366-5343

Short-Term Lending Program

The Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Small and

Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Minority Business Resource Center (MBRC) Short-term Lending Program enables disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) to obtain short-term working capital and to a lesser extent, long-term capital for transportation-related projects.

The DOT/MBRC Short-term Lending Program is operated by the Atlantic National Bank, Norfolk, Virginia.

In order to apply for a loan, it is necessary to contact the DOT/MBRC and provide in writing the following information and material:

1. Documentation of DBE status from an agency applying DOT certification requirements.
2. The name of the U.S. DOT grantee or recipient he/she is seeking to do business with and a brief description of the work to be performed and contract identification number.

Upon receipt of the above information, the MBRC will provide the application forms to the DBE, review the package for completeness and then forward the completed application to Atlantic National Bank with a cover letter.

As a minimum, the DBE should be prepared to provide to Atlantic National Bank and participating bank the following information: 3-year financial statements; 3-year income tax statements; contract information; cash flow analysis for period of

loan; corporate information; at least one bank reference; education, technical and business background and history of the company.

U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization
Minority Business Resource Center
400 Seventh Street, S.W., Rm 9410
Washington, D.C. 20590
(202) 366-2852

Working with an Outside Accountant

By Lee Gustafson, Metro Business Associates

Contractors use their know-how and their assets to make a profit. An outside accountant can be an asset used to increase profits for the contractor too.

Outside accountants can offer the following services:

1. "Write-up" and computerized bookkeeping.
2. Compiling statements.
3. Audits.
4. Tax returns.
5. Tax planning.
6. Business planning.
7. Projections.

When a contractor doesn't have a full charge bookkeeper on staff to do the monthly posting, the book work can be taken to an outside accounting firm for "write-up". The contractor has the advantage of having competent trained people handling the monthly work without having to hire

someone full-time. Having the outside accountant do the monthly bookkeeping can speed up the production of quarterly and yearly financial statements and the tax returns.

Most banks and bonding companies want to see a "Compiled" or "reviewed" statement semiannually or annually. The outside accountant generally does a few adjustments such as depreciation and other obvious balance adjustments to the contractor's records to produce a "compilation". For a reviewed statement, the outside accountant asks the contractor about how the books have been kept to see if the methods are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and consistent with preceding years. There is no auditor's opinion on a compilation, or on a reviewed statement.

To obtain a substantial line of credit or a large bonding limit, bankers and bonding companies generally want to see an "audited" financial statement. This means that the outside accountant will test the figures in the financial statements to see if they are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistent with preceding years. The tests will include confirming the balances in accounts payable, accounts receivable, cash, notes payable, and contracts receivable with outside parties. Often the auditors use statistical sampling to test the validity of account balances. After the test are

completed, the auditor writes an opinion on the financial statements saying that the statements conform, do not conform, or conform except for a minor exception to generally accepted accounting principles. The auditors are not looking for fraud or misappropriation of assets during a financial statement audit although companies can hire auditors for a special engagement to look for those kinds of problems.

Outside accounting firms also have experts on staff who can help with tax planning, business planning, and projections. They are able to help plan a business acquisition or liquidation maximizing the benefit to all parties.

Having a good relationship with the outside accountant is of real value to a contractor. When the outside accountant has had a chance to become familiar with the contracting firm, its special strengths and weaknesses and the goals of management, they can be a good source of business advice and planning assistance. It probably would be a good idea for contractors to keep in touch with their outside accountants during the year to increase the accountants' knowledge about the firm and to help avoid surprises at year end.

None of the services an outside accountant can provide are "free" but having the books in a snarl, waiting 2 months for a financial statement or making a costly mistake in buying or selling a business all cost money too.

Consider utilizing this asset as fully as possible.

Financial statements - What they tell you

By Lee Gustafson - Metro Business Associates

There are basically three parts to a financial statement. The first part is the Balance Sheet. It shows assets, liabilities and owners' equity as of a specific date. By looking at the balance sheet, a reader can tell what a company owns, what is owed to the company by others, what it owes to banks and creditors, and what the owners have invested in the company either directly or by leaving profits in the business. Contractor should remember that the value shown for equipment on the balance sheet is not market value. Looking at the current assets and current liabilities will show if a cash crunch may be coming up or if excess cash could be used to pay down long term debt or capitalization by the owners.

The second part of the financial statement is the Profit and Loss Statement. This shows income and expense related activities through a certain period of time; a month, a quarter or a year. All income is matched against all the expenses incurred to produce that income. The difference between income and its matching expenses is net profit or net loss. Comparing earlier years' income and expenses to current results can be useful. Calculating the

ratio of "earned revenue" (this year's volume) to "gross profit" (the difference between volume and contract costs) can be useful information for budgeting and for bidding.

The third part of a financial statement, not generally prepared by in-house accountants but prepared by public accountants for compiled, reviewed or audited statements, is the Statement of Changes in Financial Position. The statement tells what working capital has been used for, i.e. to buy equipment, to pay down long term debt, to pay a dividend. It also tells where the working capital came from, i.e. net income, long-term borrowing, selling assets. This information all comes from the accounting records but is presented in a different form on this statement so it is easier to see where the cash to run the company came from and where it was spent.

Notes to the financial statements are included on statements prepared by public accountants. The notes disclose the underlying methods used by management in preparing the statements as well as details on long term debt, income taxes, any contingent liabilities and major events or transactions occurring after the financial statement dates. All this information is provided to make the financial statement user aware of items which may not show up in the numbers of the financial statement but which could affect any decision the bank or other user is going to

make.

Summary: Each part of the financial statement tells an important story about where a firm stands. The Balance Sheet tells what is owned and what the firms owes as well as what the owners' interest is. The Profit and Loss Statement tells what income has been earned for the period less the costs of earning the income. The Statement of Changes in Financial Position tells where working capital (or cash flow) has come from and where it has been spent.

References: "Finney and Miller's Principles of Accounting", Johnson & Gentry, 7th edition 1974; "Preparation and Use of Cash Flow Statements", CPA Journal, Giacomino & Mielke, 3/87

What does it really cost to own equipment?

By Lee Gustafson - Metro Business Associates

Any type of highway construction contract is usually very capital intensive. This means there are some big bucks tied up in equipment. A fundamental, but common, mistake is for the contractor to ignore the depreciation on his equipment. It may sound elementary, but it does happen. Construction equipment only has a certain expected operating life. At the end of that life it will have to be replaced, usually with a piece of equipment costing much more.

However, another fundamental problem, and something more frequently overlooked, is the

"capital recovery" cost of equipment ownership. This refers to the lost interest on the money invested in the equipment. In other words, if you have money invested in a machine you are reducing your assets through depreciation of the machine, as well as losing money by giving up the interest you could have earned by investing the funds or paying off loans at the bank.

The best way to explain the difference between depreciation and capital recovery is with example. Let's say you invested \$100,000 in a piece of equipment which has a normal operating life of 10 years. Obviously your depreciation factor would be \$10,000 per year. That's a real "no brainer".

In addition, you are giving up the interest you would earn on the \$100,000. If money is worth 10% per year to you, you would be giving up \$10,000 per year. Thus, the total economic loss of having the money invested in the equipment is \$20,000, double the depreciation alone. There are other very sophisticated ways to compute this capital recovery factor, some of which can be easily put on the computer spreadsheet programs.

In addition to your depreciation and capital recovery factor, don't overlook your other operating costs such as:

1. operator wages
2. operator fringe benefits
3. operator payroll taxes
4. operator workers' compensation
5. repairs

6. lube and service
7. fuel and oil
8. tires
9. taxes, licenses and registration
10. insurance
11. administrative overhead expense
12. storage and security

All of these must be converted to an hourly cost in order to get a base cost. In addition, you should make a profit over and above your base cost to cover your business risks involved with owning the equipment and operating in an uncertain situation.

If you are leasing the equipment, it is much easier. All you must charge is enough to cover the lease payments, plus a normal profit.

In Short, equipment costs a lot more than you think. Consider it carefully before submitting your bid.

Lee Gustafson is the owner of Metro Business Associates of Billings, Montana. The firm provides business consulting services to small businesses and currently is under contract with MDOH to provide business practices assistance to selected DBE firms.

Annual EEO Submissions

All firms desiring to work on Federal-aid highway construction projects in the State of Montana during the 1988 construction season must submit an Annual EEO Submission. Written requirements and examples of Annual EEO sub-

mission can be found in the CRB Manual.

The Annual EEO submission must be approved prior to work beginning on any Federal-aid highway construction project over \$10,000. Annual EEO submissions should be submitted to:

Montana Dept. of Highways
Civil Rights Bureau - RM 009
2701 Prospect Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620

If you have any questions, call (406) 444-6331.

Attention - All Contractors and Subcontractors

The Form EEO - % which is required to be completed by all contractors and subcontractors has been revised. The new form is dated January 1988. Copies will be furnished to all contractors and will replace all EEO - 5 Forms, dated 4-2-73. Submission dates remain at May 1st through October 31st.

To obtain forms or to ask questions, please call Civil Rights Bureau at 444-6331.

Contractor Payroll Workshop

The EEO/Labor Compliance Section is scheduling a payroll workshop for new contractors and those contractors having had payroll problems during the 1987 construction season.

This workshop will be held in the highway auditorium immediately after the March bid letting.

Compliance Review Workshop

The next workshop will be held immediately after the April bid letting and will deal with new compliance review policies and procedures which will be implemented during the 1988 construction season.

Prime contractors should plan to attend.

For additional information, please call Sam Prestipino at (406)444-6334.

INVITATIONS TO BID

February 9, 2:00 PM,
SE of Helena, Spillway Modifs
Bid opg offc of ownr. Ownr:
Montana Dept of Natural
Resources & Conservation,
Engrg Bu, 1520 E 6th Ave,
Helena, MT 59620-2301
Engr: Tudor Engrg, 301 Mission
St, San Francisco, CA 94105,
(415)543-9820, ATTN: Hugh M
Brown

Contract #1189-3. Modifs to
the spillway of the Broadwater
(Toston) Dam including
designing, furnishing
/installing radial gates
hoists & controls, renovating
the exist flashboard syst,
removing/refurbishing/rein-
stalling portions of exist
flashboard syst, removing,
refurbishing/reinstalling por-
tions of exist steel bridge,
furnish/install new concr
bridge & catwalks, post-
tensioning & existing dam
spillway crest and piers and
other associated work.

February 9, 2:00 P.M. Con-
struction Budget: \$10,000.00
Replace Carpeting -

Cottonwood & Maple Buildings,
Mountain View School, Helena,
Montana, Mont A/E 88-16-01
Sealed bids will be received
until 2:00 PM and publicly
opened and read aloud in the
Architecture & Engineering
Division offices, 1520 East
Sixth Ave., Helena, Montana.
Bids shall be accompanied by
bid security meeting the
requirements of the State of
Montana in the amount of 10%
of the total bid.

February 9 Construction

Budget: \$22,000.00

Install Insulated Overhead
Doors - Missoula & Butte
Districts, Dept. of Highways
Bids will be received until
2:00 PM in the offices of the
Architecture & Engineering
Division, 1520 East 6th Ave.,
Helena, Montana 59620
MONT A/E 87-31-29. Bids shall
be accompanied by bid security
meeting the requirements of
the State of Montana in the
amount of 10% of the total
bid.

February 10 Est: \$100-250,000.
Malmstrom AFB, Lime Slurry
Retaining Pond. Big opg offc of
ownr. Extd from Dec. 15. Ownr:
U.S. Army, Seattle Dist, Corps
of Engrs, 4735 E. Marginal Way
South, Box C-3755, Seattle, WA
98124-2255, (206) 764-3515 or
3516.

DACA67-88-B-0007. Changed from
DACA67-87-B-0065. Consists of
constn of open concr holding
pond for lime slurry with as-
soc valves, controls & piping
for connctn to the high tem-
perature hot water htg plant.
Set aside for small business
concerns. Bid Bond: 20%. Plans
& Specs from ownr @ n/c

February 11, 2:00 PM, Est: \$1-

\$5 mil

Malmstrom AFB, Alter UEPH
Bid opg offc of ownr. Ownr:
U.S. Army, Seattle Dist, Corps
of Engrs, 4735 E. Marginal Way
South, Box C-3755, Seattle, WA
98124-2255, (206)764-3515 or
3516.

DACA67-88-B-0021. Alter UEPH
(Bldg 630 & 735). Two exist 3
sty bldgs of exposed concr
frame (beam & columns) with
CMU and concr infill walls are
to be modified. Modifs incl
existing interior CMU walls to
be removed & replaced by reinf
CMU shear walls with special
anchorage for seismic control
or steel stud walls with
gypsum bd; constn of shared
bathrooms btwn sleeping rooms;
replace existing windows,
stucco exterior walls of bldgs
& construct semi-enclosed fire
escape stair enclosures. Set
aside for small business
concerns. Bid bond 20%. Plans
& specs from ownr @ \$30.50 fee

February 11, 2:00 P.M.
Construction Budget: \$22,500
Big Lake Wildlife Management
Area Island near Molt,
Montana, A/E 87-35-19-03
Bids will be received until
2:00 P.M. and publicly opened
and read aloud in the offices
of the Architecture & Engi-
neering Division, 1520 E.
Sixth Ave., Helena, Montana
59620. Bid Security: 10% of the
total bid shall accompany the
bid.

February 16, 2:00 P.M.
Construction budget: \$37,000
Freezeout Dike Repair, near
Fairfield, Montana, Dept. of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Mont
A/E 87-35-14-08
Sealed bids will be received
until 2:00 P.M. in the offices
of the Architecture & Engi-

neering Division, 1520 E.
Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana.
Bid Security of 10% of the
total bid shall accompany the
bid.

February 17, Est: \$100-\$1 mil
Fort Peck, Spillway Gates
Rehab

Bid opg offc of ownr, Rm 1614,
Extd from Jan 12.

Site Visit: Arrange with the
Proj Mgr's Offc, (406) 526-
3411.

Ownr: Dept of the Army, Omaha
Dist-Corps of Engrs, 1612 US
Post Offc & Courthse, Omaha,
NE 68102-4978, (402)221-4266
DACW45-88-B-0003. Incls
cleaning, sandblasting, pro-
viding cathodic protection &
repainting with vinyl paint
both upstream & downstream
sides of the 16 spillway gates
at Fort Peck Dam & Lake. Bid
Bond: 20%. Plans & specs from
ownr @ \$4 fee

February 17, Est: \$100-
\$250,000

Sanders Cnty, Road Constn
Bid opg offc of ownr. Ownr:
USFS, Lolo Natl Forest, Fort
Missoula, Bldg 24, Missoula,
MT 59801, (406)329-3764
R1-16-88-148. Noble Timber
Sale Rds. Consists of reconstr
of approx 3.7 mi & new constn
of approx 8 mi of single-lane
rd with turnouts. Bid Bond:
20%. Plans & specs from ownr
February 20, 2:00 PM

Est. \$500,-\$1 mil
Malmstrom AFB, Alter Command
Post.

Bid opg offc of ownr. Extd
from Dec. 15.

Owner: U.S. Army, Seattle
Dist, Corps of Engrs, 4735 E
Marginal Way South, Box C-
3755, Seattle, WA 98124-2255,
(206)764-3515 or 3516.

DACA67-88-B-0015 KC135R Alter Headquarters Command Post. Incl's constn of a command post area of approx 5,000 sf inside an exist bldg undergoing renov. Also incl's interior walls, case work, computer area, lighting & integration of exist HVAC syst into proj area HVAC syst. Exterior & perimeter walls are constructed & finished on outside of project area. HVAC & elec coordination will be required. **Set aside for small business concerns.** Bid Bond: 20% Plans & specs from ownr @ n/c

March 2. Est: \$25,-100,000 Libby Dam, Gate Seal Replacement Bid opg offc of ownr. Extd from Jan. 12. Ownr US Army, Seattle Dist, Corps of Engrs, 4735 E Marginal Way South, Box C-3755, Seattle, WA 98124-2255, (206) 764-3515 or 3516. DACW67-88-B-0002. Sluice emergency gate seal replacement at Libby Dam. Incl's replacement of gate top & side spacer and retainer assembly and incidental painting of new metal surfaces. Sluice gate is approx. 18.5 ft high by 11 ft wide. **Set aside for small business concerns.** Bid Bond: 20%. Plans & specs from ownr @ n/c

March 3, 1:30 PM, Est: \$500,- \$1 mil Great Falls, Alter Various Facils Bid opg offc of ownr. Bid date is tentative. Ownr: DA & AF Natl Guard Bu, USPFO for Montana, Contrg Offc, P> Box 1157, Helena, MT 59624-1157, (406)444-7920 Proj 40337 (83024). Alter various facils for Avionics &

Genl Purpose Shops at the Montana Air Natl Guard Facils, Internatl Airport. The major focus is on Bldg #30 and also incl's work on Bldg #32 & #35. Incl's demolition & constn of new walls, doors & windows, energy impvts, new finishes, cabinetry, reroofing of Bldg #35, mech & elec work to include fire detection & suppression systs, etc. **SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.** Bid Bond: 20%. Plans & specs from ownr @ n/c

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